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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Thomas Schmidt et al.

Application No.: 10/589,844

Group Art Unit: N/A

Filed: May 4, 2007

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: HIGH-PERFORMANCE MEMBRANE  
ELECTRODE UNIT AND THE USE THEREOF  
IN FUEL CELLS

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

Filing Receipt Corrections  
Office of Initial Patent Examination  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued in the above-identified patent application. The official Filing Receipt received by Applicant, a copy of which is attached hereto, has an error in the Applicant(s) section.

The fourth named inventor has been excluded from the Filing Receipt. Please insert **Isabel Kundler, Königstein, Germany** as the fourth named inventor.

As the error was made by the Patent and Trademark Office, it is believed that no fee is due. Please credit our Deposit Account No. 03-2775 as necessary to effect entry of the attached corrections.

Applicant additionally requests that all pertinent U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records relating to the subject application be changed to reflect this correction.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this request. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12834-00021-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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**CONFIRMATION NO. 2786**

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**FILING RECEIPT**



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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

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**Assignment For Published Patent Application**

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**Power of Attorney:** The patent practitioners associated with Customer Number 23416.

**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

This application is a 371 of PCT/EP05/01761 02/20/2005

**Foreign Applications**

GERMANY 10 2004 008 628.1 02/21/2004

**If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted:** 08/29/2007

**The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/589,844****

**Projected Publication Date:** 12/06/2007

**Non-Publication Request:** No

**Early Publication Request:** No

**Title**

High-Performance Membrane Electrode Unit And The Use Thereof In Fuel Cells

**Preliminary Class**

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The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 08/18/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 05/04/2007
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 08/18/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 08/18/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/18/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 05/04/2007
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 08/18/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 08/18/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 08/18/2006
- Power of Attorney filed on 05/04/2007
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